It is "our fault", but we must learn from our failures. At New Beginnings/Chances for Life, we will give you as many chances as it takes to get it right. Everyone has a story and everyone deserves another chance.

Ms. Tania Kambel-Cordorning’s entry into the world of HIV work started almost two decades ago when she began volunteering at the Maxi Lindner Organization. This Organisation was founded by her mother in 1994 and focused on addressing human rights issues for sex workers. She spoke with pride of her mother, whom she considers her mentor: "My mom did非凡性工作 for sex workers in Sarumana. Her legacy will always live on me and those she

The Maxi Lindner Organization soon after a sex worker – Maxi Lindner - who has been a leader in mobilizing sex workers in Sarumana. At that time, Maxi Lindner believed that the sex sector community in Sarumana lacked only one thing by bringing sex workers together; there would be the strength in their collective voice for their rights. The Maxi Lindner Organization conducted outreach to the sex worker community, providing education on HIV, HIV testing, and referral to UNAIDS and other services.

As a young adult, Tania, who was very close to her mother spent her summer vacations at the Maxi Lindner Organization volunteering with vulnerable populations - sex workers, homeless and migrants. She reflects on the time she has organized in Sarumana. “I was studying economics at the University. During the summer, I volunteered, running small errands, and for NFA, received pocket money. Very quickly, I got caught up in more involvements planning for the Organization.” She realized that she was good at what she did and realized mother saying, “You have a talent for this kind of work, my child.” She volunteered with the organization for 12 years. After the death of her mother, Tania decided that it was time to start her journey, make her legacy and make her mark in the world. She was passionate about making sex workers lives better, but she felt that she could make a greater contribution by addressing other social issues.

She decided that it was time to step out of the Business Group (UNAIDS) Youth Ambassador and wanted to tackle youth development issues. In 2014, Tania formed New Beginnings/Chances for Life. She was very intentional in running the organization, using her own life as an example.

Tania is a woman of faith and attributes her strength to God. Life experiences, however, were her greatest lessons. Her personal experiences have shaped her and also given her the chance to share her experiences. She shared, “I was abandoned and imprisoned for six days. In prison, I spoke to the women in my cell block. I used to speak a lot on my faith. I was a trouble in Sarumana under Organization closed. With a contact from Population Service International, through the Family Planning Association, Tania mobilized her group of sex workers to make a change. Along with the 100 sex workers, the group decided to speak to the Minister of Health and 1TV4, and contact people at UNAIDS and the National Council. The results of Tania’s work and that of New Beginnings/Chances for Life are highly gratifying and motivating for her and her staff. And most of all, these sex workers understand that they can do for herself that they had a positive impact on the lives of these reached. She identifies this as a key strength of New Beginnings/Chances for Life.

She started her work at the New Beginnings / Chances for Life by conducting training for the Ministry of Health on how to talk with mobilises and work with sex workers and evaluation of stigma and discrimination towards most at-risk populations. This was a tough time for the organization as it faced many challenges. She decided to reach out to UNAIDS and the National Council. She continued and began working with young adults, homeless and street children, children of sex workers and young persons who were involved in sex work. Tania organized an effective approach and consulted with the target populations in designing programmes for them. Tania met with sex workers at the street corners, interview, drug offenders in communities and reached prisoners in jail and out of prisons. She is confident that this unique and inclusive approach has had a positive impact on the lives of those reached.

"It is not HIV sensitisation or behaviour change communication programmes, but rather it delivers services through expressions of love, empathy, patience, and acceptance and we are good at that because I understand at a personal level."

Working with risky and vulnerable populations can be challenging but very rewarding. Tania believes that those people also have their stories, and it is important to understand their stories before judging them. She believes that while donors will focus on raising funds, it is more important to understand their stories and to work with them to understand the causes behind their actions and to help them change. The results of Tania’s work and that of New Beginnings/Chances for Life are highly gratifying and motivating for her and her staff. And most of all, these sex workers understand that they can do for herself that they had a positive impact on the lives of those reached.

"I was always a straight A student at University, but I got married very early and divorced very young. I was alone with my children. They sat and slept behind my desk while I worked. As a single parent, I had to redefine my goals and find my purpose. What I learnt in the process is that often people need another chance to redefine themselves. People don’t get it right the first time, many don’t get it right on the second time, and many have multiple chances to get it right. That’s the vision behind New Beginnings/Chances for Life."